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Dated 12-12-47

[Despatch Abstract.]

College - Govt. Victoria, Palghat - Detentions, hunger strike etc. - Papers recorded.

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D.O. Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Cathedral P.O., Madras, 28th November 1947.

My dear Subramanian,

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I am enclosing herewith copies of the letter dated 27th November 1947 of the Principal, Government Victoria College, Palghat, and its enclosures. As the question involved is a very important one and it is very likely that there will be more disturbances in Malabar and other parts of the Presidency as regards detentions from appearing for the University Examinations, I request that the orders of Government may kindly be obtained at an early date and sent to me for communication to the Principals of Colleges.

Yours sincerely,
SRU Savoor

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To

M.V.Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Copy of letter R.O.C.No.Ms.2/47 dated 27th November 1947 from the Principal, Government Victoria College, Palghat to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sub: Indiscipline among students.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of an anonymous letter which I received by post yesterday. Though anonymous its significance against the general background of indiscipline is obvious. I have already drawn your attention to the skies getting overcast in my letter R.O.C.No.Ms.2/47 dated 21st November 1947 (copy enclosed).

In the letter I received yesterday the students suggest that detention is likely to stand in the way of their working hard ! Such is the blindness that has entered into them that they do not realise that there won't be any question of detention if they would only work hard. However that may be, my position is clear. I should be very reluctant to accept any dictation from students as to the opinion I am to form about their attainments and conduct and I am prepared to face a showdown if you think I shall only be acting consistently with your policy thereby. In this connection I would invite your kind attention to the situation at Calicut where the students a few days ago organised a strike against the fee enhancement and the indiscipline being such that the heads of the institutions there had to take concerted action of a drastic nature, viz., the sending out with their T.Cs of some twenty-five students. I also understand that these private institutions found that things had reached the limit and it was time the entire question of students' indiscipline was settled one way or other. I need not point out that the policy followedin Government institutions will always exercise an influence for good or ill on the conduct of private institutions and what one Government Institution does will have similar reactions in other Government institutions. The whole affair, I feel, requires departmental and Government direction and I am therefore referring the question to you for some clear instructions.

Copy of letter dated nil from 'Anti Strikers' to the Principal, Victoria College, Palghat.

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Respected Sir,

We the students who firmly believe that there must be no strike against a peoples' Government want to continue our studies peacefully. But now we are in a wreched position. You must know that the students are all up against the detention system. They have the full support of the public. So they will put up a grand fight for it. There will be strike, hunger strike and every confusion and disorder. You must know we do not want it. We firmly believe that students must do their duty which is, to study. If there will be troubles in the College we cannot discharge our duties properly and regularly. We want to score high marks and ranks for the College. But now we are deprived of this opportunity.

Moreover we want a College where the Principal and the students are like father and children. We want it and you can certainly make this College like that. Sir, this detention will make it worse. So for our sake please have a compromise with the students. The students Congress president M.N.Gopalakrishnan II U.C. is against any strike. But he will be forced to have it conducted, I am sure, Sir, then comes the difficulty. He is very able, sincere and popular. He can influence anybody and everybody and if he organises a strike or struggle, it will be a complete success. Even we the Brahmin students believe in his leadership and ability and I fear most of us will not act against his wishes. If he agrees to the strike we will be helpless.

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Sir, this is the situation. All of us wish not to have any detention. But the fight against it is unnecessary for the student. We pray you to help us again and again. There will be strike if you will be so cruel to the students. You must save us. There is only one way, that is to have a talk and an immediate compromise with Gopalakrishnan. He is too grateful to you to act against your wishes because it was you who gave him admission when it became too late. He respects you much and both of you can come to terms immediately.

So, Sir, you must save us. You can avoid the strike or confusion only by a compromise. So please have a compromise with him. Sir don't forget us.

Yours obediently,
Anti Strikers.

Copy of letter R.O.C.No.Ms.2/47 dated 21st November 1947 from the Principal, Government Victoria College, Palghat to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

I have the honour to bring the following facts to your notice.

At 2 P.M. to-day two students of the College (E.M.Krishnan Nambudiripad, Class IV and T.P.Sahadevan, Class II) presented a letter to me stating that it was a memorandum against detention of students. I refused to accept the same and informed them that I did not propose to deviate from the traditions of the College and the instructions from my superiors and that if they felt so they might make a representation to the higher authorities. In this connection I may also be permitted to mention that it is found published in the "Mathrubhumi" - a Malayalam Daily from Calicut - that the student population is out to challenge authority in respect of enhanced fees, detentions in schools and Colleges and the present educational policy.

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D.O. Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 30th [illegible] 1947.

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My dear Subramanian,

SUB:-Indiscipline among students.

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In continuation of my previous letter enclosing copies of the letter of the Principal of the Government Victoria College, Palghat, I am enclosing herewith further correspondence on the same subject from which you will see that there is likely to be a great trouble facing us. I request therefore that you may be kind enough to place the matter immediately before the Hon'ble Minister for Education and let me have his orders.

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As I have an engagement in the morning on Monday (i.e., tomorrow), and it may not be possible for me to come to the Secretariat before 2 O'Clock, I am sending this letter by ~~post~~ special messenger.

Yours sincerely,

M.V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.
Secretary to Government,
Edn & Pub Health Department,
Fort St.George, Madras 9.

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COPY of D.O. letter dated 28th November 1947 from Sri K.S.U. Nair, Principal, Govt.Victoria College, Palghat, to the D.P.I.

In continuation of the letter re: indiscipline among students which I submitted to you yesterday I have to trouble you again for some definite instructions as to how I am to proceed in the face of the threat contained in the letter enclosed herewith. This letter was handed over to me by T.P. Sahadevan and E.M. Krishnan Nambudripad, students of this College, as I was proceeding to my class at 10 a.m. today. It speaks for itself. These students have been all along the organisors of strikes and disturbances among students and also among labourers of this and other localities. My reaction to the letter is that these two, and others if they follow them, should be sent out with their T.Cs. Of course such an action on my part will immediately precipitate a strike as these two happen to be office-bearers of the Students' Congress and Students' Federation of this place. This has to be faced and if it came to that we will have to close the college until sense dawns on them and their parents. I am contacting the parents of these two students immediately. I shall be very grateful for a reply by return of post.

I am also enclosing a letter which I have written to the Vice-Chancellor on the subject of detentions, as well as copies of a Notice in Malayalam and its translation.

From

The Representatives of the Students' Congress
and Students' Federation, PALGHAT.

To

The Principal, Govt. Victoria College, PALGHAT.

Respected Sir,

We as the representatives of the Students' Congress and Students' Federation, submitted to you a memorandum on 21st November, explaining our grievances regarding the system of detaining Senior students from appearing for the University Examinations and it pained us no little when you refused to go through it.

Our representatives were informed last year by the Hon. Minister of Education that the entire matter is left to the discretion of the heads of the educational institutions concerned. And we know that all the Senior B.A. students were sent up for the last two years.

So you will be good enough to facilitate all Senior students to take their chance in the coming public examination.

We wish to inform you also that our ACTION COMMITTEE has resolved to go on a hunger strike until this just demand is conceded.

We request you to consider the matter once again and send us a favourable reply within four days to avoid any unhappy incidents.

We remain, Yours obediently,

(Sd.) T.P. Sahadevan and another
(whose signature is not decipherable

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For Council of Action.

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COPY of D.O. letter dated 28th November 1947 from the Principal, Govt. Victoria College, Palghat, to Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras.

I am herewith enclosing a translation and a copy of the printed notice distributed in Palghat among the students as also copies of 2 other letters received by me in person. They speak for themselves. It is true that a memorandum (as they call it) was given to me by the students and that I refused to accept it (because the boys told me its contents in advance) for submission to the authorities. I told the boys that selection of students for University Examinations will be done according to rules laid down by the University authorities. As you know the "so-called" detention in the University classes is in actual fact only a sort of warning to the students that they need not waste their money in remitting fees for an examination for which they cannot be certified to be competent to sit. More than the December 'selection' it is the fitness certificate in March that gives them the right of access to the Examination hall. I explained this aspect to them clearly and pointed out to them that though the University and I might agree to accept their Examination fees I cannot promise to certify to their fitness for the Examination nor will the Lecturers concerned agree to the issue of such certificates. So long as the University rule is there and so long as members of the staff are allowed to act in accordance with their conscience, the students' wishes to get automatic access to the Examination hall irrespective of their qualification and fitness cannot be fulfilled. The students could not, or would not, care to understand the logic of my arguments and they have, it appears decided to organize active resistance. The fruits of their intention are seen in the enclosures attached to this.

As you will see from the 'memorandum' the students who signed them are the President of the Students' Congress and the Secretary of the Students' Federation. They are both students of my College, but it is in their official capacity as members of these organizations that they came to me. I certainly cannot, so long as I have any voice in the matter, agree to this kind of dictation under threat of strike, etc., from any outside body. I am reporting the fact to you to consider whether disciplinary action can be prescribed by the Syndicate in time, and if so what I am to do. The situation is only just beginning to develop and it is being developed openly and systematically. I would point out in this connection that the question ultimately would resolve into whether the University is prepared to waive the rule about progress and term certificates and admit students to Examinations irrespective of such certificates, for so long as the rule is there one honest Principal or Professor or Lecturer can be the inevitable and unenviable creator of this kind of trouble. I shall be grateful for some authoritative and clear guidance with which you as Vice-Chancellor can help me in meeting the cloubdurst that is threatening to gather on the horizon. In referring to a cloudburst I am not being unduly alarmistic. I am in close touch with the situation and only the other day I received an anonymous letter about what is likely to happen and another letter today demanding an immediate reply from me. Knowing the conditions around I have submitted a copy of the first letter to my Director of Public Instruction, Madras and made a report. I am enclosing copies of the same for your information as well. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Director of Public Instruction for his information.

"THE MEMORANDUM REJECTED BY THE PRINCIPAL"

COUNTRYMEN,

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We approached the Principal of the Victoria College with a memorandum urging the ending of the 'detention' (refusing permission to sit for the University Public Examination) long declared to be meaningless by students and others interested in Education. It is regretted that he did not agree even to read the memorandum. As a result of the students' agitation the system has been ended in places like Mahe, Taliparamba, etc. But the Principal's attitude is forcibly drawing the studentsinto conflict and trouble. To prevent this we request that every lover of Education may be made to intervene himself in this.

The Students' Action Committee.

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MEMORANDUM

The memorandum submitted by the Palghat Students' Congress and the Students' Federation to the Principal, Victoria College:

Sir,

We desire to draw your attention to a resolution passed unanimously at a general meeting convened under the united auspices of the Students' Congress and the Students' Federation on November 18th.

The system of detention under vogue today does not suit the times. It not only does not do good to the students but also it bars educational progress.

For - the system is not based on the students' intelligence or capacity - not all the students allowed to sit for the examination are seen to pass that Examination - the selection test is usually seen to be harder than the University Examination. Therefore if a detained student is allowed to sit for the University Examination, there is a chance of his passing it.

An S.S.L.C. teacher is allowed to appear privately for the Intermediate Examination. Is it appropriate to deny a candidate who has both passed his S.S.L.C. and put in 2 years at a College the right to sit for that Examination? The system is also used to give vent to personal spite. The absence of teachers and text-books creates difficulties for students.

Our representatives were informed last year by the Minister for Education that though he realized the meaninglessness of the system, Govt. were not prepared to interfere and that discretion was vested in the authorities of the College. Therefore we respectfully request that you will recommend to Government the abolition of detention in this College and the ending of the system once for all.

On behalf of your obedient students,

T.P. Sahadevan
(President, Students' Congress)

E.M.K. Nambudripad
(Secretary, Students' Federation).

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Dear Dr. Savoor,

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Sub: College - Govt. Victoria, Palghat - Threatened strike by students ~~as~~

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Ref: Your D.O.s dated 28-11-47 and 30.11.47.

I am to inform you that the policy of the Govt., in regard to ~~strikes by~~ detentions of students, embodied in the Press note dated 25-1-'47 (Copy enclosed) stands; and that strikes, in that connection, should be firmly dealt with. I am also to invite your attention, in this connection, to G.O. No. 3404 Pub (Genl.) dated 17-11-47, ~~wherein~~ in which instructions have been issued as to how students' strikes should be handled.

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Yours sincerely,

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D.O. Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 3rd December 1947.

My dear Subramanian,

SUB:-College - Government Victoria College, Palghat - Threatened strike by students.

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I am enclosing herewith copy of further correspondence received from the Principal, Government Victoria College, Palghat, for the information of Government. I have sent to-day to the Principal of the College a copy of your D.O.No.93926 A-1/47A, Education, dated 2-12-1947, for necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

S R K Savoor

M.V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.
Secretary to Government,
Edn & Pub Health Department,
Fort St. George.

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COPY of letter dated 2nd December 1947 from the Principal, Govt. Victoria College, Palghat, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

The anticipated hunger strike has commenced and a post-copy of the telegram sent to you is enclosed herewith. The students involved are T.P. Sahadeyan and E.M. Krishnan Nambudripad. I have sought an interview to discuss the whole matter with you. I hope you will give me the necessary permission to leave the station by Express Telegram on receipt of this. If convenient I would also request you to fix up an interview with the Hon'ble Minister so that I may inform him also of the developments here. Messrs. M. Narayana Menon, M.L.C., and P. Vasu Menon, Advocate, President, Palghat Taluk Congress Committee who has been in touch with the students for the past few days tried for over 3 hours today to dissuade the students from their contemplated coercive action against the College and the Government and University, etc. I, in my own way, tried my best to make the students see the unreasonableness of their demands and my helplessness to satisfy them.

I have reported the developments here to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Palghat, and also to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Palghat and asked for Police bandobust. I do not know yet whether disorderly conduct on the part of the few students perhaps supported by hooligans will compel to seek further Police aid. To allow the tension to relax, I have cancelled all classes for the rest of the week in anticipation of your approval.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the notice issued today by the Students' organization and its translation. I am also enclosing copy of a letter sent by Mr. P.Vasu Menon, Advocate, to T.P. Sahadevan and copy of the letter sent to me by the convenor of the Action Committee My refusal to agree to its demands is said to have precipitated the hunger strike.

COPY of letter dated 2nd December 1947 from Sri P. Vasu Menon, Advocate and President Town Congress Committee addressed to Sri Sahadevan, Convenor for Council of action.

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Dear Sahadevan,

Received a copy of your letter dated 27-11-1947 addressed to the Principal, Government Victoria College, Palghat. I had a frank talk with the Principal. He has no objection to forward all your applications but he says he cannot guarantee your being allowed by the University to sit for the examination. According to him, it depends upon the certificate of progress issued by the various lecturers. He does not want to coerce the lecturers to give certificate of progress. He says it is not true to say that the entire matter is left to his discretion. He is willing to endorse the certificates of progress issued by the lecturers. Any change in the rules regarding progress certificates is to be made by the Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University. It is a matter to be taken up by the Government.

I hope the Government will take up the matter in right earnest. It is only fair that all facilities should be afforded to senior students to take their chance in the Public Examinations. I am personally of view that except on the ground of inadequate attendance, no senior student should be detained from appearing for the University examinations.

I do not approve of any hunger strike. K.P.C.C. President feels that the hunger strike is inadvisable. He is doing his best. He has replied to my wire to this effect. Our leaders will do the proper thing.

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Let us trust them. Students representatives have already met Sri T.S. Avanasilingam Chettiar, the Hon'ble Minister for Education. The matter is now with the Government. I am sure that the Government will consider all aspects of the question. Please suspend all agitation. I have no hesitation in appealing to you to desist from hunger strike.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) P. Vasu Menon.

THE DECISION OF THE ACTION COUNCIL

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In view of the fact that the Principal of the College has agreed to forward the examination applications of the students of the College to the University authorities irrespective of the results of the terminal examination, but has expressed his firm opinion that he cannot guarantee the respective lecturers giving proper certificates, we request the Principal to call a meeting of the College Council to consider the present situation and let us know by 2 O'Clock the decision of the council about the question of detention. If the decision of the council is not favourable to us we have to start the hunger strike by two O'Clock today afternoon.

Expecting a favourable reply,

Palghat,)
2-12-47)

(Sd.) T.P. Sahadevan,
for Action Council.

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In the Victoria College students have commenced hunger strike.

WILL not the public save the lives of the students?

As the Principal has rejected the various endeavours of the students and parents to do away with the system of detention Sahadevan, President of the Taluk Students' Congress and E.M.K. Nambudripad, Secretary, Students Federation, have commenced hunger strike. The Principal gave us the lame excuse that he has no authority in the matter and the reply of the Director of Public Instruction to be awaited. This is only a trick to prolong. Till the demands are conceded the hunger strike will be continued. Will not the countrymen who are lovers of the students interfere and save the lives of the student leaders? Will not the teachers also save the lives of their own students?

ACTION COMMITTEE.

Mathrubhumi, Desabhimani, Pourasakti, Kelappan, President of the K.P.C.C., Mahakavi Vallothol etc., have made statements for doing away with the system of detention.

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Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 5th December 1947.

My dear Subramanian,

SUB:-College - Government Victoria College, Palghat - Strike by students.

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In refreshing contrast to the number of telegrams requesting interference in the Government Victoria College, Palghat, students' hunger strike against detention, I am glad to say that the Executive Committee of the Old Boys Association has sent me the following telegram:

> Executive Committee meeting, Palghat College Old Boys Association - Resolution passed:
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> "That this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Palghat Government Victoria College Old Boys Association strongly disapproves the hunger strike resorted today some of the students of the College and promises all support to the Principal in whatever action he may take ~~m~~ to meet the situation.
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> Vydianathan, Secretary".

Yours sincerely,

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M.V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.
Secretary to Government,
Edn & Pub Health Department, Fort St. George.

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Anyhow, the matter is finished and nothing more need be done now. The papers may be filed.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Copy of letter dated 6th December 1947 from the Principal, Government Victoria College, Palghat to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

As I wired to you this morning, the hunger-strike by T.P. Sahadevan and E.M.K.Nambudiripad has been called off at 7 A.M. to-day.

Since my report to you yesterday persistent and strenuous efforts continued to be made by public men of this place interested in the good name and welfare of the College and the students alike. The foremost among them are the following gentlemen and to them I am bound to be duly grateful:-(1) Messrs.P.Vasu Menon, Advocate; (2) P.Gopala Menon, Advocate. (3) E.Phillips. (4) P.C.Shanker and (5) P.K.Narayana Ayyar.

These gentlemen were anxious not only to end a situation which had ugly possibilities but to wean the students of this College away from the influence of the Communist party which had begun increasingly to exploit the discontent and excitement among the student population. I am sorry to observe that the students of the College have become mere playthings of party-politicians from outside, ready to dance to their tunes and utterly incapable of balanced and sensible thought and action. The five leaders and public men mentioned above represent the sane and moderate element in local public life and I thought it politic in the circumstances to strengthen their hands as much as possible without compromising my principles and without conceding anything beyond what I had always been prepared to allow.

A Accordingly these gentlemen I understand reiterated to the students my offer to forward all applications to the University without any guarantee that all students will secure Hall Tickets to sit for the Examination. They have also assured the students on my behalf that all extra-help by way of special coaching that may be required by the backward students will be rendered to them by my staff. At the same time the students have been clearly informed that Terminal Examination will be held on the 8th as scheduled and unless they show good progress, they

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cannot hope to secure the certificates necessary under the rules of the University.

I am making all arrangements for the Examinations that commence on Monday. As I apprehend no further trouble this time I have withdrawn my earlier requisition to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Palghat and the Police authorities.

Though for the time being the sky seems to be clear again, I feel sure that at any moment fresh trouble may break out in one shape or other. While hoping and praying that nothing of this nature may happen in future I ~~ha~~ shall continue however to be vigilant and watchful.

In a later report I shall submit a list of ring-leaders of this hunger-strike agitation from among the students of the College and outsiders who have been actively fomenting it.

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To Education minister madras

Hunger strike serious

Pray Intervention save

students lives

Oiyam Sankaran

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To education minister madras

Students fasting situation serious

Pray Intefere

= President malabar exservice men association

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To education minister madras

students fasting condition serious Pray immediate interference

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education minister madras

students hunger strike condition serious Intervene Immediately

= Varadarajan

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municipal Councillor Palghat

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To education minister madras

Intervention sought save

students lives college

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students fast continues situation serious pray interfere

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Palghat college students hunger Strike condition serious Pray Intervene Immediately = Mohamadhany municipal counsilor

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Asst. Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health
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Secretary, Edn. and P.H., Government of Madras
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Minister for Education, Govt. of Madras

Sir,

We, the Students of Government Victoria College, had approached the Principal on November 21st, with a memorandum requesting him to use his discretion in favour of wholesale selection, thereby allowing the Senior Students to appear for Public Examination. But the Principal did not even had the courtesy to look into it.

On 27th November, a resolution was passed unanimously in the College Union meeting, convened under the joint auspices of Junior and Senior Unions and was ~~under~~ submitted to the Principal. He accepted the resolution formally but not the contents.

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Under the circumstances we were forced to submit a notice of intimation (typed on the reserve) to the Principal as we found no other alternative. We request you to co-operate and extend your wholehearted supprot in our attempt.

Thanking you,

Yours Truly,

Palghat,
29-11-47.

T. P. Sahadeva

E.P.H.(A)

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CONVENOR,
for COUNCIL OF ACTION.

From: The REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STUDENTS' CONGRESS & STUDENTS' FEDERATION, PALGHAT.

To: The PRINCIPAL, GOVT. VICTORIA COLLEGE, PALGHAT.

Respected Sir,

We, as the representatives of the Students' Congress and Students' Federation, submitted to you a memorandum on 21st November, explaining our grievances regarding the system of detaining senior students from appearing for the University examinations and it pained us no little when you refused to go through it.

Our representatives were informed last year by the Hon. Minister of Education that the entire matter is left to the discretion of the Heads of the Educational Institutions concerned. And we know that all the Senior B.A. Students were sent up for the last two years.

So you will be good enough to facilitate all Senior students to take their chance in the coming public examination.

We wish to inform you also that our ACTION COMMITTEE has resolved to go on a hunger strike until this just demand is conceded.

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We request you to consider the matter once again and send us a favourable reply within four days to avoid any unhappy incidents.

Palghat.
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We remain, Yours Obediently,

CONVENOR,
for COUNCIL OF ACTION.

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പ്രിൻസിപ്പാൾ നിരസിച്ച മെമ്മോറാണ്ടം.

നാട്ടുകാരെ,

നിരവധി കാലമായി വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും, മററു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ തല്പരന്മാരും [illegible]മാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള ഡിററൻഷൻ (യൂനിവേഴ്സിററി-പബ്ലിക് പരീക്ഷയ്ക്കു പോകുന്ന കുട്ടിയെ അതിന്നനുവദിക്കാതിരിയ്ക്കുക) അവസാനിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നു അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്ന ഒരു മെമ്മോറാണ്ടവുമായി ഞങ്ങൾ വിക്ടോറിയ കോളേജു പ്രിൻസിപ്പാളെ സമീപിച്ചു. അതൊന്നു വായിച്ചു നോക്കുവാൻ പോലും അദ്ദേഹം വിസമ്മതിച്ചതു വ്യസനകരമാണ്. വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പ്രക്ഷോഭത്തിന്റെ ഫലമായി മലബാറിൽത്തന്നെ മാഹി, തളിപ്പറമ്പു തുടങ്ങി എത്രയോ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഈ സമ്പ്രദായം അവസാനിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ പ്രിൻസിപ്പാളുടെ ഈ നയം ഒരു കുഴപ്പത്തിലേക്കു വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ വലിച്ചിഴിയ്ക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നതു. അതുകൂടാതെകഴിയ്ക്കുവാൻ ഒരോ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസസ്നേഹിയും ഇതിൽ ഇടപെടണമെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾ അഭ്യർത്ഥിയ്ക്കുന്നു.

എന്ന്

വിദ്യാർത്ഥി ഏക്ഷൻ കമ്മിററി,

മെമ്മോറാണ്ടം.

പാലക്കാട്ടു വിദ്യാർത്ഥി കോൺഗ്രസ്സും ഫെഡറേഷനും കൂടി വിക്ടോറിയ കോളേജു പ്രിൻസിപ്പാൾക്കു സമർപ്പിയ്ക്കുന്ന മെമ്മോറാണ്ടം.

സർ,

നവമ്പർ 18-ാംനു വിദ്യാർത്ഥി കോൺഗ്രസ്സിന്റെയും വിദ്യാർത്ഥി ഫെഡറേഷന്റെയും സംയുക്താഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ കൂടിയ പൊതുയോഗത്തിന്റെ ഐകകണ്ഠ്യേനയുള്ള തീരുമാനത്തെ അങ്ങയുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുവാൻ ഞങ്ങൾ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു.

ഇന്നു നിലവിലുള്ള ഡിററൻഷൻ സമ്പ്രദായം കാലോചിതമല്ല. അതു വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു ഗുണം ചെയ്യുന്നില്ലെന്നു മാത്രമല്ല വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പുരോഗതിയ്ക്കു വിഘാതവുമായിത്തീർന്നിരിയ്ക്കുന്നു.

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കാരണം— ഈ സമ്പ്രദായം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ബുദ്ധിശക്തിയേയോ കഴിവിനേയോ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയിട്ടല്ല—പരീക്ഷക്കിരിക്കുവാൻ അനുവദിച്ച വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ മുഴുവൻ സർവ്വകലാശാലാ പരീക്ഷയിൽ പാസ്സായിക്കാണുന്നില്ല—സിലക്ഷൻ പരീക്ഷ കലാശാലാ പരീക്ഷയെക്കാൾ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുള്ളതായിട്ടാണ് സാധാരണ കണ്ടുവരുന്നതു. അതിനാൽ ഡിറെറയിൻ ചെയ്ത വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയെ പരീക്ഷയ്ക്കിരിയ്ക്കാനനുവദിയ്ക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ പാസ്സാകാനിടയുണ്ട്.

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ഈ സമ്പ്രദായത്തിൻെറ അർത്ഥശൂന്യത മനസ്സിലാക്കി ബഹു. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മന്ത്രി ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ഇതിൽ യാതൊന്നും ചെയ്യുന്നില്ലെന്നും ഇതിൻെറ അധികാരം വിദ്യാലയാധികൃതന്മാർക്കു വിട്ടുകൊടുത്തിരിയ്ക്കുകയാണെന്നും ഞങ്ങളുടെ പ്രതിനിധികളെ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലം അറിയിയ്ക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഡിററൻഷൻ സമ്പ്രദായം ഈ കോളേജിൽ ഇല്ലാതാക്കുവാനും ഈ സമ്പ്രദായം എന്നെന്നേയ്ക്കുമായി അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനോടു ശുപാർശി ചെയ്യുവാനും ഞങ്ങൾ വിനീതമായി അഭ്യർത്ഥിയ്ക്കുന്നു.

എന്നു്,

അങ്ങയുടെ വിനീതരായ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കുവേണ്ടി

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D.O. from the D.P.I. dated 28.11.47.

Please see the D.O. from the D.P.I. and its encls on pp 1-4 c.f. Instructions have been issued by Govt in G.O. No: 3404 Public (Genl) dd 17.11.47 as to how students' strikes should be dealt with. These instructions apply to Govt colleges also.

p 3 of G.O. No: 2548 Edn
28-11-47
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As regards detentions of students, attention is invited to the Press note on page 11 of the G.O. at Ⓐ, portion marked (g) at p 27 (L), ~~referred to above~~ and also the instructions issued in G.O. No: 2213 Edn dated 15-10-47 regarding detentions at the S.S.L.C. Examn.

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For orders as to the reply to be given to the D.P.I.

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It is not clear what exactly the D.P.I. wants further orders about. He may be told that the policy embodied in the Press Note (pp. at 4/7) stands, & that strikes in that connection should be firmly dealt with & his attention may be invited also to the G.O. referred to at 'A' above.

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H.M. may see the above, after issue.

A D.O. letter from the D.P.I. dated 30.11.47, and the enclosures thereto on p 9 c.f., since received, may be perused.

A draft D.O. to the D.P.I. is submitted for approval.

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95820 A From the D. P. I. ~~A~~ D.O. d. 5-12-47.

p 15 c.f.

Please see the D.O. from the P.I. on p 15 c.f. and the telegrams at Ⓟ, received Connection with the hunger strike of the Palghat toria college students. The file may be circulated H.M. (Edn) for perusal.

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Please see the minute of A.M. (Edn.) on p 16-17 c.f. The papers may now be recorded.

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G.O. 2648 Edn.
dated 12-12-47

Abstract

College - Govt Victoria Palghat - detentions ~~Threatened~~ Hunger strike etc - papers recorded.